GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1368
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000
TALK WITH MILITANTS
JITENDRA PRASADA;MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks have been held among the Union Government, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the people of State and the leaders of the militant groups operating in the State;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the stand of Union Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): No such talks have been held. However, having welcomed the move towards peace made by a Senior HM (Hizbul Muzahidin) leader during a press conference on 24 July, 2000 and having taken cognizance of the support extended to the peace initiative by the people of J&K, as also recognising the need for restoration of peace in J&K, the Government would like the HM leadership tocome overground and establish contact with the Union Home Secretary to discuss modalities necessary for initiating a dialogue and preparing grounds for restoration of peace. The Government would like to invite all militant groups and political leaders to come forward to restore peace and normalcy in the State of J&K.